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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Item 4 (b)

Programme 3
Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 9th meeting, on 17 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It had before it proposals in respect of programme 3, Peacekeeping operations (A/57/6 (Prog. 3)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 3 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan under programme 3 since the proposed revisions conformed to legislative mandates. The establishment of mine action coordination as a separate subprogramme was welcomed. It was noted that the proposed indicators of achievement were in general relevant and quantifiable. Queries were raised, however, on some revisions of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement made on the basis of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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4. Reference was made to the expected accomplishments and indicator of achievement related to gender issues in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8 of subprogramme 1, Operations. Their placement under that subprogramme was questioned since gender mainstreaming was a cross-cutting issue and should have been addressed either in the overall orientation or in the strategy of the programme.

5. The commitment of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to implement its programme of work was welcomed. Given the strengthening of the capacity of the Department to fulfil its mandate, it was pointed out that more results would be expected. It was also emphasized that, in strengthening the capacity of the Department, due regard should be given to geographical balance.

6. Queries were raised about the degree of completion of missions' start-up kits and on measures to be taken to increase the number of Member States contributing to the standby arrangements, referred to in paragraphs 3.12 and 3.17, respectively.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 3, Peacekeeping operations, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 3.3

After the last sentence, insert a new sentence reading "Special attention will also be given to an increased understanding and recognition of gender issues and geographical balance in peacekeeping operations".

Subprogramme 1. Operations

Expected accomplishments

Paragraph 3.7

Delete the words "and an increased understanding and recognition of gender issues in peacekeeping operations" and delete the subsequent explanation provided in italic type within square brackets.

Indicators of achievement

Paragraph 3.8

Delete the words "and the extent to which gender issues are identified and addressed in peacekeeping missions".

Subprogramme 2. Mission support

Objective

Paragraph 3.9

After the words "as well as other activities", insert the words "including training".

Expected accomplishments

Paragraph 3.11

Replace the words "increased operational readiness through better planning and deployment" with the words "improved and increased operational readiness through effective, expeditious and coordinated planning and deployment".

Indicators of achievement

Paragraph 3.12

- **After the words "Indicators of achievement would include", insert the words "a reduction in the time lag between the adoption of resolutions and the deployment of civilian personnel and equipment to field missions".**
- **Replace the words "mission start-up kits" with the words "strategic deployment stocks modules".**

Subprogramme 3. Military and civilian police advice and planning

Expected accomplishments

Paragraph 3.16

After the words "Expected accomplishments would include", insert the words "rapid response in the deployment of trained and".